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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST

There were 3,640,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products received during August at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market.

This compares with 3,294,000 pounds of arrivals in August of last year, and brings the receipts of the first eight months of 1940 to 36,802,000 pounds. The eight months' total was a 27 percent increase over that for the same period in 1939 when the receipts amounted to 29,021,000 pounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

During the month, 75 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 24 States and eight Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 1,684,000 pounds were fresh-waterfish; 1,565,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 391,000 pounds were shellfish--including frog legs and turtle meat.

Of the total August receipts, 2,546,000 pounds were domestic catch; and 1,094,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by domestic vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia which sent in 834,000 pounds (mostly halibut), 460,000 pounds in bond.

Predominating fresh-water species at the Chicago Market during August were lake trout (384,000 pounds); yellow perch (298,000 pounds); and whitefish (232,000 pounds).

Most abundant salt-water items were halibut (763,000 pounds) and frozen rose-fish fillets (341,000 pounds).

Among shellfish species sent to this market, shrimp (281,000 pounds); lobsters (27,000 pounds); and sea scallops (23,000 pounds) were foremost.

Massachusetts (588,000 pounds), Michigan (430,000 pounds), and Wisconsin (296,000 pounds) were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products.

A total of 1,760,000 pounds came into Chicago by express; 1,367,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder--513,000 pounds--by freight.

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